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Congress takes hold of business like a man who returns to a job for which he feels himself unequal.

Mr. Cleveland is the first President to go into the demand and supply of cabbage seed in a message to Congress.

The New York Herald opposes the income tax because it is monarchical. But that fact would commend it to the Cleveland regime.

If Mr. Cleveland wanted the Van Alen correspondence published, it is evident that he is in that state of mind when he would "pass back."

Of course the cotton tax refund will be pushed to the front. The claims are owned by speculators, and there would be millions in it if Congress could be induced to pass it.

If the President actually believes, as he says, that "thousands of neighborhoods have their well-known fraudulent pensioners," why does he not have them investigated?

To-day Mr. Voorhees is for an early disposition of the Wilson bill, and the day before he wanted everybody to be heard. Thus he illustrates the uncertainty which is working destruction to business.

Attorney-general Olney takes occasion, in his report, to say that he does not approve of the Sherman anti-trust act. The attorney-general is one of the ablest corporation lawyers in the center of corporations.

That Democratic county which issued seven-per-cent bonds and paid commissions for placing them will not be made happy by the statement that Gibson county has placed \$100,000 at 5 per cent, and a premium of \$700.

If it is true that Senator Morgan, of Alabama, will fight the Wilson bill, the chances for the defeat of that measure are improved. Defeated in this Congress, free trade for the benefit of foreigners will be rejected by the House which will be elected next fall.

The thousands of women in the farm houses of the land to whom the tramp is a constant terror, when the men folk are away, will not appreciate the championship of those cowardly and often brutal professionalists by Governor Leveillé, of Kansas.

But the Governor is a sort of political tramp, anyway.

Since the Lehigh strike has been settled by arbitration and compromise, one may be permitted to express surprise that this was not done at the beginning, to the great benefit of all concerned, including the public.

"Concessions were made on both sides," says the dispatch. That is all that is necessary to settle any controversy between reasonable men.

The verdict of the coroner that Professor Tyndall died from an overdose of chloral will excite a general desire to know whether he was addicted to the use of the drug and lost control of himself or simply took a single overdose by accident. In either case it seems strange that one of the foremost scientists of his time should meet his death in so ignominious a way.

The President having sent the name of Mr. Hornblower to the Senate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, it may be expected that the Democratic committee will promptly report upon the nomination, that the matter may be settled, as several important cases wait upon a full bench, one of which is the tax case of Indiana brought by the railroad companies.

Evils sometimes correct themselves by getting so bad that reform becomes necessary. The game of football seems likely to furnish an example of this. It has become so dangerous and so overgrown with technicalities as to create a demand on all sides for such changes in the rules of the game as will make it less perilous for players and more interesting for spectators. As the proposed reform being at Yale College it is likely to be effective.

These are the times when the man who has a few acres of land which will yield him food and a house which will afford shelter realizes the advantage over the man who, as a wage-worker, usually seems to have more of the good things of life. Because professional calamities and demagogues have, by misrepresentation, made the country believe that the farmer has been having a harder time than all the rest of humanity, many people have abandoned small farms and sought the cities. This year they would be better off on the little farms.

Recently Senator Gordon, of Georgia, who was one of the ablest of General Lee's subordinates, in a lecture referred to the stars and stripes as "the symbol of hope

to all the fettered millions of the earth," whereupon the Charleston (S. C.) News and Courier flies into a rage and says:

It is the simple statement of a fact to say that the United States flag is the symbol of their subjugation to more than five millions of the citizens of the United States. General Gordon's "pretty and patriotic" sentiment, therefore, is more pretty and patriotic than the Caber.

What does the News mean when it says that 12,000,000 people regard the flag of the United States as the symbol of their subjugation? What more does the Cleveland organ want than President and Congress?

Is there anything more of the lost cause for which it yearns? Would it like to have the stars and bars substituted for old glory? If so, there never will be a better opportunity to make the attempt.

GETTING HIS EYES OPENED. The captain of the Klickitat, which arrived at Port Townsend on Monday from Honolulu, says: "Minister Willis told me he was surprised to meet so many broad-minded, law-abiding and thoroughly intelligent people in Hawaii."

The Louisville Courier-Journal publishes a portion of a private letter written by the Minister's wife to a friend in Louisville, dated Honolulu, Nov. 11, in which she says:

We have received a most cordial welcome from every one, and find this little city one of the most beautiful and charming places I have ever seen, with a society which for intelligence, culture and refinement I do not think has any equal in the world.

Willis has had all the honor of state ceremonial and society recognition which comes to the representative of his country in government. He has received official and social calls from the President of the provisional government, the heads of the different departments, the admirals and the officers of the United States ships which are here in the harbor. I am glad to tell you that Mr. Willis seems to have made a most favorable impression upon all the community of both parties.

It is evident from this that Mr. Willis has not imitated the example of Paramount Blount in turning his back on the respectable citizens of Honolulu and associating exclusively with royalists and favorites of the Queen. It is also apparent from what Mr. Willis said to the captain of the Klickitat, and from what his wife writes, that they both have been agreeably surprised to find the leaders of the revolution and the supporters of the provisional government to be educated and cultivated people, the best in Honolulu. Read between the lines these statements indicate that the minister and his wife went to Honolulu expecting to find the supporters of the provisional government a very different class of people from what they found them. Undoubtedly, Mr. Willis had received his cue from the State Department at Washington, where the members and supporters of the provisional government are regarded as a lot of disreputable fellows, political adventurers and conspirators against her Majesty the Queen. Personal contact and association with them has disabused his mind and that of his wife of the false impression that they were the leaders of the revolution and the supporters of the provisional government.

In 1854 Andrew H. Reeder, of Pennsylvania, was appointed by President Franklin Pierce Governor of the Territory of Kansas. The great fight between freedom and slavery was then in progress, and Reeder was sent to Kansas to represent the views of the administration and assist in the establishment of slavery. Being a Democrat, it was supposed he could be depended upon to carry out his instructions. But personal contact with the settlers and a careful study of the situation in the Territory made a free soiler of him, and instead of becoming the tool of the administration he became, first, a sympathizer with, and then an ally of the free State men. This led to his summary removal, and later the Free State party elected him to the United States Senate.

It would be odd, and yet not very surprising, if Mr. Cleveland's minister to Hawaii should follow the footsteps of Mr. Pierce's Governor of Kansas by becoming a convert to the anti-administration policy. Perhaps an inkling of something of this kind has caused the sudden dispatching of the revenue cutter Thomas Corwin to Honolulu. What the administration wants in Honolulu is a representative who will only see and hear one side of the case. Paramount Blount filled the bill admirably, but Mr. Willis seems to be getting his eyes opened.

A PRECEDENT. The Honolulu Commercial Advertiser says that in ordering American troops ashore for the purpose of preservation of peace and the protection of property, "ex-Minister Stevens was merely obeying a standing order of the State Department, given by Secretary Bayard in 1887 to the American minister in Honolulu, and caused to be given to the naval forces there whenever necessary for the 'maintenance of public order.'"

This is true, and it might be added that he was only following well-established precedents. This was not the first time that American troops had been landed at Honolulu for the same purpose. In 1874, when Queen Emma and Prince David Kalakaua were candidates for the throne, made vacant by the death of King Lunalilo, Kalakaua was elected. He was friendly to the Americans while Queen Emma leaned to the British. When it became known that Kalakaua had been chosen King a mob of Queen Emma's adherents broke into the building where the vote had been taken, attacked members of the Legislature and refused to let the committee which had been appointed to inform Kalakaua of his election leave the grounds. At this juncture, upon the request of Kalakaua, Mr. Pierce, our then minister to Honolulu, called for troops from two United States war vessels which were lying in the harbor. The Portsmouth and the Tuscarora, and within an hour they landed 1200 officers and men with a gun. This force surrounded the government building and quelled the riot, and our minister immediately recognized the Kalakaua government. He knew where American interests lay, and he did not hesitate to exercise his discretionary power in requesting American troops to be sent ashore to preserve the peace and protect property. His action was not disavowed by his government, and no secret, underhanded attempt was made to overthrow the Kalakaua government. In that case Minister Stevens went much further

than Minister Stevens did in the recent revolution. In the former case American troops actually interfered, and by force and arms suppressed a popular outbreak and established a government. In the latter case they were under orders to remain strictly passive, and did not lift a finger in favor of either side.

AN AMERICAN INSTITUTION. The communication of Bishop Chatard, printed in yesterday's Journal, in which he takes exceptions to the criticisms of this paper upon the recent address of Monsignor Satolli, is written in a spirit which could be adopted with great advantage by all those who attempt to discuss the subject. The Journal, however, has no apology to make. It believes in an American non-sectarian school system, and it has criticized the utterance of Mgr. Satolli when directed against it as it would that of a representative of the Church of England, should he come here, and, without any purpose of becoming an American citizen, with a limited knowledge of American affairs and the genius of American institutions, and with no more interest in our Constitution than in whatever organic law Austria may have, to tell the American people that the perpetuity of their Constitution would be secured by having the public schools made essentially schools of the Episcopal Church. The Journal has not a particle of prejudice against Mgr. Satolli because he is a Roman Catholic, or against parochial or sectarian schools. It is, however, very hostile to any proposition to divide the school fund, whether made by Protestants or Catholics, because it would destroy the public school as we know it to-day. If Catholics are given a pro rata share of the public school money, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists and even Seventh-day Adventists would have the same right to their respective shares. The revenues of the State would, in such case, be divided into so many dribslets that there could be no good free schools, but those who would educate their children must contribute out of their own means, while the children of those who are poor must remain ignorant. One of the advantages of the public school is that it brings the children of the rich and the poor, and of all creeds and of no creeds, together and fuses them. All come to regard themselves as a part of a great whole. Thus the public school is the normal school to teach American citizenship. The church schools, on the contrary, would divide the children into two, three or a half dozen sects, which would come to regard each other with jealousy.

Nor is there evidence to sustain the claim that the church school will insure a higher moral standard in citizenship. So large a part of all dogmatic religions pertains to future existence and so little to this that such teaching does not much influence the conduct of individuals to each other or to the state. The statistics of prisons do not warrant the assumption that those who are in them are there because they are ignorant regarding religion, but because they have not been schooled in ethics—ethics which are taught, or should be, in the public school.

The Journal has no sympathy with the bigoted and stupid attacks upon the Catholic Church. Among its communicants are many thousands of the best citizens of the Republic. In all periods of peril to the Republic they have as freely given their lives as other citizens. The publication of such things as the bogus encyclical letter, which the Journal ridiculed when it first appeared, is wicked if not silly, and the assertion that no good citizen can be a Catholic is discredited by the evidence presented by the lives of thousands of Catholics who are exemplary citizens. But whenever any one representing the Catholic hierarchy advocates a division of the public school fund, or the representative of any other creed announces a policy which would make the public school in any sense an annex of his particular dogma, or should insist on introducing any exercise into the school which may conflict with the rights of conscience regarding religion the Journal will be very sure to make a prompt protest.

LABOR FIRST—CAPITAL LATER. Quite a number of manufacturers in this vicinity will tell the inquirer that as manufacturers they are not so much aware of free trade; as manufacturers they can compete with outsiders. They have been satisfied with the McKinley law, but if the country wants something else they will not object if the change is made at once. When asked how they can compete with European manufacturers they reply by making goods as cheaply as they are made in Europe. But they always go on to explain that free trade will make a vast difference with the men they employ. They admit that labor will suffer, because anything which places the competition upon the same plane will, to use the words of the author of the Mills bill, "place the labor of the United States on the same plane as that of Europe." "Our employees will not get \$10 or \$15 a week," said a prominent manufacturer, "when we have any thing like free trade, but about the same wages as are paid in Europe, namely, from \$5 to \$7 a week. Labor is the great item in production, and when it is an equal contest between the American and the European manufacturer wages must approximate the European standard."

Such manufacturers, however, out of humor at the present condition of affairs, cannot contemplate a reduction of wages with the indifference some of them now assume. Such a reduction of wages, a loss of half the purchasing power of labor, or even a third or a quarter, means a very general demoralization for a time. The race improves under a generous diet, with comfortable shelter and hopeful and cheerful surroundings, but when a once well-fed and sheltered class, with cheerful surroundings, is forced to an inadequate diet and to comfortless quarters, the change involves loss of strength, purpose and character.

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